reasons beyond the control of the Port authorities, like variation in foreign exchange rates and increase in Statutory duties and levies, etc. This cannot be termed as a loss.

(c) Close monitoring and timely completion of projects will assist in preventing cost overrun.

(d) Those found guilty will be dealt with as per rules.

Pension Scheme for DTC Employees

4038. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government had announced the introduction of pension scheme for employees of Delhi Transport Corporation duly approved by the Union Cabinet on 30th October, 1992

(b) whether it is also a fact that initially the pension scheme was to be operated by the Life Insurance Corporation which backed out after some time;

(c) whether it is also a fact that DTC later on decided to implement the scheme departmentally;

(d) whether the pension scheme is under implementation;

(e) if so, by when the pension scheme is likely to be given effect to; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (f) As the Life Insurance Corporation of India declined to implement the scheme, DTC had no option but to decide to implement the Pension Scheme on its own. DTC's proposal in this regard is under consideration of the Government.

Recommendations by National Shipping Board

4039. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the National Shipping Board has submitted a series of recommendations to revive and encourage the Indian Shipping Industries;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations of the National Shipping Board;

(c) whether the National Shipping Board has made any suggestions on the utilisation of Indian Shipyards like the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. of Visakhapatnam;

(d) whether Government have acted on any of these suggestions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) yes Sir.

(b) The National Shipping Board has been recommending from time to time a number of measures to encourage the Indian Shipping Industry. Some of the important recommendations are (i) Cargo Support to Indian Shipping (ii) Amendments to Merchant Shipping Act with a view to facilitate borrowing from foreign financial institutions and remove restrictions in acquisition and sale of ships (iii) Fiscal Incentives to Indian Shipping Industry (iv) Acquisition of Ro Ro Vessels (v) Augmentation in Indian Tonnage (vi) The Shipping Companies should offer competitive freight rates and promote measures to strengthen their professional management (vii) Improved productivity in Ports and the Shipping Sector as a whole.

(c) The National Shipping Board at its meeting held on 30th July, 1994 has decided to constitute a Sub-Group to study the measures to maximise the capacity utilisation of Indian Shipyards.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of (c) above.

Establishing Traffic Management Centres

4040. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in The Financial Express dated 3rd August, 1994 captioned "Smart Cars to Check Mishaps on Indian Roads";

(b) whether Government have examined such systems to reduce road accidents;

(c) whether Government considered the possibility of establishing "Traffic Management Centres" to improve road safety; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

World Bank assistance to Modernise State Roadways

4041. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the State Roads for renovation, modernisation and improvement with World Bank assistance;

(b) if so, what are those State Roads in Orissa proposed for World Bank assistance for modernisation and upgradation;

(c) whether the Road from Panikoili and Rourkela via Keonjhargarh, Bhadrasahi and Lahunipara is one of such road; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following projects for State roads in Orissa have been posed to the World Bank for possible loan assistance:

1. Improvement to Cuttak Chandbali Road.

2. Improvement to Khurda Nayagarh Daspalla Road.

3. Widening and strengthening of Kerada Rayagada-Muniguda-Bhawanipatna-Khariar-Nawapara-Khariar Road.

4. Widening and stregthening of Panikoili-Keonjhar-Joda-Rajmunda Road.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The estimated cost of the road project is Rs. 102.22 crores and road length to be covered is 267 kms.

Haldia Port

4042. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: what efforts have been made to make the optimum use of the bulk handling facilities of the Haldia Port by relocating the movement of various traded goods towards that Port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): At present there is no law as per which the Port users can be asked to utilise the facilities available at any particular Port. The users can make use of any Port of their choice. Constant efforts are made by the Government to improve the productivity of Haldia Port and its cargo handling efficiency. An outlay of Rs. 190.00 crores has been provided in the Eighth Five Year Plan to increase the productivity and efficiency of Haldia Port.

Dispute with Railway Ministry on Calcutta Port facilities

4043. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dispute with the Railway Ministry regarding the extension of circular line in Calcutta, from Princepghat to Majherhat, by using the existing Calcutta Port facilities, including its railways network, has been resolved; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The proposal of Railways for linking of circular line from Princepghat to Majherhat with provision of elevated track has been accepted in principle by Calcutta Port Trust. The Port Trust has, however, suggested some modifications in the alignment proposed by the Railways.

Hooghly Estuary Project

4044. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 304 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th July, 1994 and state: